

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 90,663-QQ)

PATENT

In the Application of:

Yatvin *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/050,271

Filed: January 15, 2002

For: Microparticle-drug Conjugates for  
Biological Targeting

Before the Examiner:  
David M. Naff

Group Art Unit: 1651

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**MAILED AUGUST 27, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

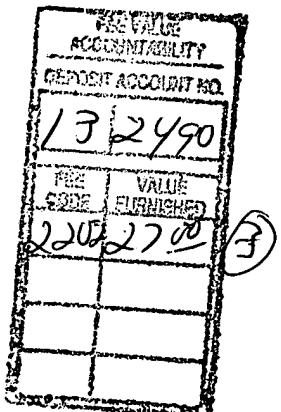
Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 27, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of their application in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

**Status of the claims**

Claims 1-16 and 18-25 are pending in the application. The bases for rejection have been traversed by argument or overcome by amendment.

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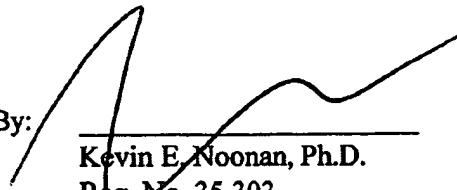
## CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully contend that all conditions of patentability have been met and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the pending claims is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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